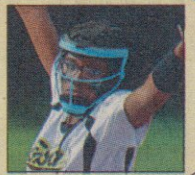


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Elba Police officers make drug-related arrests, including three for trafficking

Officers with the Elba Police Department continued their efforts over the last week to combat illegal drug activity with several arrests made.

Three arrests were made for drug trafficking during this time.

According to Coffee County Jail records, Bobbie Cauley, age 50, of Elba was arrested Thursday evening, April 20, and booked into the jail at 7:50 p.m. Charges against Cauley included drug trafficking [\$50,000 bond], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$5,000 bond], and two misdemeanor counts of failure to appear [each carrying a \$500 bond].

As of press time this week, Cauley remained in the county jail.

On Monday, April 24, two people were arrested in Elba on trafficking and other charges.

At 4:03 a.m., according to county jail records, Heather



From left, Bobbie Cauley, Heather Eason, and Aaron Wilson each were arrested by Elba Police on drug trafficking and other charges.

Eason, age 35, of Jack, Ala., was booked into the jail. Her charges included drug trafficking [\$60,000 bond], tampering with physical evidence [\$3,000 bond], possession of marijuana - second degree [\$3,000 bond], and misdemeanor failure to appear [\$500 bond].

Jail records indicate that Eason was released on bond at 7:45 p.m. Monday night.

At 4:25 a.m. Monday, Aaron Wilson, age 51, of Troy, Ala., was booked into the county jail following his arrest by Elba Police.

His charges included drug trafficking [\$60,000 bond], tampering with physical evidence [\$3,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond].

As of press time this week, Wilson remained in the county jail.

Elba Police also made an arrest over the weekend on a female subject allegedly found to be in possession of a controlled substance.

According to jail records, Melissa Ledbetter, age 50, of Elba was booked into the county jail at 12 midnight Sunday, April 23, on two counts of possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond each], and two counts of misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond each].

Ledbetter was released on bond at 9:15 p.m. Sunday night.



Melissa Ledbetter

Enterprise Police arrest Elba man on drug charges

On Thursday, April 20, Coffee County Jail records indicate that Demetrick Caldwell, age 39, of Elba had been arrested by Enterprise Police as he was booked into the jail at 5:32 p.m. that evening. His charges included possession of marijuana - first degree [\$7,500 bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond].

Caldwell was released from jail on bond at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23, according to the county jail report.



Two previously discussed matters approved Monday night

Elba Council votes to move forward with centralized dispatch and renovations of building for Elba Chamber

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council made two decisions Monday evening, April 24, during its second regular bi-monthly meeting for April regarding matters that had been previously discussed on several different occasions. By ordinance, the Elba City Council meets every second and forth Monday evening of each month unless otherwise approved by vote of the council.

The first matter decided was to move to centralized 911 dispatch services with Coffee County overseeing the services. This will move the dispatch services from the Elba Police Department to a centralized location at the county complex in New

Brockton where Coffee County will be the overseer for emergency services [fire, medical, police] for the county, and municipalities of Elba, New Brockton, and Kinston).

The matter had been discussed extensively at the council's previous meeting two weeks prior, and council members were provided contract documents to review before this week's meeting.

After a motion and second were made, council members unanimously voted Monday night during their regular meeting to enter into contract with Coffee County for centralized dispatch services.

After the city council approval of the matter,

Coffee County administrator Rod Morgan said this

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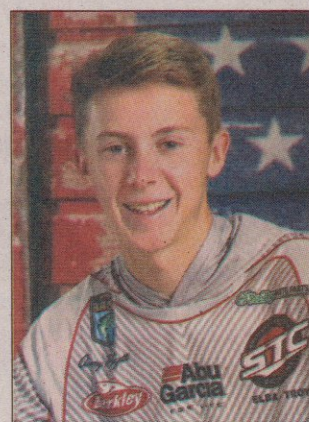
ZC's Padgett one of two anglers in Alabama selected for Bassmasters High School All-State Fishing Team

Fifty-two of the most outstanding high school anglers from across the United States have been named to the 2023 BASSMASTER High School All-State Fishing Team presented by Academy Sports & Outdoors.

The students were selected for the honor based on their success in bass tournament competition, academic achievement, and leadership in conservation and community service. To be considered for the All-State Fishing Team, a student must have been nominated by a parent, coach, teacher or other school official. Students enrolled in grades 10-12 with a current-year grade point average of 2.5 or higher were eligible.

B.A.S.S. received over 300 nominations from across the nation. From these, judges selected 52 student anglers from 30 states to make the All-State Fishing Team. Additionally, 42 students received Honorable Mentions recognizing them for their tournament success as well as community service and academic achievement.

On Tuesday, April 18, Avery Padgett, a senior angler from Zion Chapel High School in Jack, Ala., received an email from Bassmaster All-State Team congratulating him for having been selected as a mem-



Avery Padgett

ber of the 2023 Bassmaster High School All-State Fishing Team presented by Academy Sports & Outdoors for the state of Alabama. The only other angler selected from Alabama was Triton Graham, Citronelle.

Their selection was based on their success in high school fishing tournament competition as well as their leadership and involvement in extracurricular activities.

"Congratulations to all 52 anglers on being selected to be a part of the 2023 Bassmaster High School All-State Fishing Team as well as our 42 honorable Mentions," said Glenn Cale, B.A.S.S. Nation Tournament Manager-College, High School and Junior. "It's always impressive to see the accolades of each applicant. Every parent and angler should be proud of

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The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted its Eggs 'n Issues legislative breakfast for the community last Friday morning, April 21, at the Elba First Baptist Church fellowship hall. There was a large crowd in attendance to hear state legislative update from Representative Rhett Marques and Senator Josh Carnley. Also, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox spoke as did Coffee County Commissioner Jim Thompson. Above, Rep. Marques addresses the crowd on matters upcoming in the House of Representatives.

From Elba Board of Education meeting

Brian Weeks retiring after 33 years of teaching at Elba High

by Linda Hodge, Editor

It was with great reluctance Tuesday evening, April 18, that Elba City Schools' superintendent Chris Moseley presented a letter of retirement before the school board for approval, but Moseley said like it or not the time had come for longtime educator Brian Weeks to retire.

Moseley said it was selfish on his part as superintendent of the school system to not want to see Weeks go, but he also noted it was a retirement well-earned and deserved.

Board members agreed with their superintendent but voted unanimously to accept the retirement of Elba High School science teacher Brian Weeks at the end of the school year.

Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes said Weeks will retire with a total of 34 years teaching, and 33 of those years were spent at Elba.

"I don't think you can ever replace a Brian Weeks, but we will be tasked now with filling the teaching

position he has held for more than three decades," Grimes said. "Mr. Weeks has been a fantastic teacher and great asset for this school."

Grimes, himself, has been at Elba High School for 28 years now. He said he began his teaching/coaching career from the junior high hall working alongside Weeks where a special bond was formed between the two educators.

"Every student he has taught has enjoyed being in his classroom," Grimes said. "I don't think anyone has ever had a bad thing to say about Coach Weeks. He is just a phenomenal person."

Grimes said Elba High School and Elba City Schools as a whole wish Coach Weeks well in his upcoming retirement.

"It is definitely well-deserved," Grimes said. "We wish only the best for Coach Weeks and his family in their future endeavors, but he will certainly be



Brian Weeks

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Area Happenings

The April 2023 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, April 27, at 6 p.m., in the New Brockton Senior Center, New Brockton, Ala. The meal and fellowship will begin at 6, followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m. For further information contact Charles Lobbell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

The Coffee County Extension Office, in cooperation with the Elba Giving Garden, will host a Raised Bed Gardening Workshop Friday, April 28, beginning at 1 p.m., at the Giving Garden in Elba. This hands-on workshop allows individuals to learn the concepts of raised bed gardening and then practice what they learn by helping plant the Elba Giving Garden. The Giving Garden is located behind the old Governor Jim Folsom Home located in downtown Elba [329 Putnam St. Elba]. This workshop is free to the public.

Local Masonic Motorcycle Riders will conduct a Pulled Pork Plate Fundraiser to, in part, fund Christmas gifts for residents of the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The fundraiser will be Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Elba Masonic Lodge, located across from the Carl Folsom Airport on Larkin Road in Elba. Plates will be carryout only. Suggested donation is \$10 per plate. Any support is greatly appreciated.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"It is not enough to win a war; it is more important to organize the peace." - Aristotle

National politics are shaping up to present United States voters with a rerun of the last presidential election. Former President Donald Trump has earlier announced his official run for the office he lost in the last election while President Joe Biden, who defeated Trump in their one-on-one national election, this week did the long-expected thing and announced he was running for re-election. This race might be a muted event as Fox News, which doubled down on Trump support in the last several years just settled a huge multi-million dollar lawsuit over claims of false reporting the vote counts and results of the last election. Fox then this week fired Reporter Tucker Carlson, their loudest proponent of these election charges.

The mind set of those involved in this mass shooting epidemic is puzzling to many (maybe most) of us. It is not just in the US, but we are seeing worldwide reports of copycat shootings. Each probably has some different motivation but personally nothing in our wildest imagination justifies mass shootings. The frightening part of all this is that society is becoming hardened to these events and until one happens at home, or nearby, citizens move on with a shrug of the shoulders after scanning the headlines. Gun control probably will not solve the issue, as those distorted minds wanting to can spend months plotting and seeking out an illegal gun to carry out their mission. So – "What is the answer?" We don't know but are willing to support almost anything that will get control of this tragic movement.

For years we have heard criticism of U. S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas while others have praised him. In fact, a lady who was in Journalism classes with our daughter at the University of Alabama covered the Supreme Court for a TV network for several years and wrote a very detailed (and positive) book on Thomas. We have the book and probably need to re-read it to see if we see any 'holes' in her reporting. In recent months it is the critics who are controlling the talk. As the tempo picked up it was talk of his wife and her possible intervention into the Donald Trump January 6 debates and accusations (thus wrongly influencing his actions). Of late there have been reports of him taking 'free' vacations on the fancy boats of millionaires for years and not reporting this on his annual disclosure statements. (He has denied there is a requirement to report these trips). Now someone has uncovered information that he has accepted 'gifts' from at least one person with ties to a company with a case before the Supreme Court! This last claim should be a no-no in any court and such reports will further undermine the nation's already declining trust in the national court system. Our suggestion to Justice Thomas is to admit a lapse in judgement and/or resign from this lifetime term on the Supreme Court.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!

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Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou was smiling from ear-to-ear last Sunday while Sister, on the other hand, was shaking her head in disbelief...the reason behind it all was the Lou 2!

It was a beautiful Spring-day with temps in the low 80's and clear skies, and Lou Lou convinced Sister to take a ride in the Jeep with the top down! The two ventured off to a nearby city to grab a bite to eat for lunch and just enjoy the day with a leisure ride.

Following their lunch, they made trip through the drive-thru of Starbucks to grab a couple of iced lattes – Sister got a good doctor report last week, so she decided to splurge and enjoy a beverage she no longer gets to have on a regular basis.

Lou Lou pulled up to the drive-thru window, and the nice young lady working the window made Lou Lou's day! "Your Jeep is pretty cool," said the sweet worker.

"Thanks!" replied a gleeful Lou Lou.

Sister said not a word...at that moment.

After they received their lattes, and Lou Lou drove away from the drive-thru, she turned to look over at Sister with a big smile on her face. Sister was already shaking her head, and before Lou Lou could say a word, she said, "Lord, help us! That girl has no idea what she just did! Your head just doubled in size!"

What in the name of Yonder?!?!

Well...actually...Sister was probably correct! It absolutely made Lou Lou's day to have a stranger compliment

Lou 2!!

Lou Lou's smile stayed on her face all the way back to the Yonder gang's house. She even made a few extra turns here and there to prolong the trip back home just so she could keep enjoying the Sunday drive in Lou 2 with the top down!

Sister even made a photo of Lou Lou driving and captioned it with, "It only takes driving her Jeep and Starbucks to make her happy!"

She's not wrong!! Now, if only Lou Lou could convince Sister to have the same love for Lou 2 as she does...then, all would be right in Lou Lou's world.

She's working on it! Stay tuned.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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next step would be for the Coffee County Commission to consider the matter at its next regular meeting, which will be Monday, May 8th.

Also, during Monday evening's meeting, Mayor Tom Maddox said the city had received a price quote from Diversified Contracting of Opp, Ala. for renovations of the 'old dime store' building, located on the square on Davis Street to renovate one-half of that building to house the Elba Chamber of Commerce office.

Several months ago, the city bid the renovation project, but no bids were submitted. When no bids were received, that opened the project for the city to solicit quotes to negotiate individually with contractors to get the work done.

Maddox said the city had been able to get one other quote on the project, but it was much higher than funds available. He said the quote/proposal from Diversified Contracting was much more in-line with funding at just under \$200,000 for the renovations.

Council members voted unanimously to approve entering into an agreement with Diversified to get the building renovated for the Elba Chamber's new permanent office.

Council member Jane Brunson asked who from the city would be overseeing the renovations project for the city, and city clerk Sally Bane said it would be code enforcement officer Bryson Dear.

Also during Monday night's council meeting, several board reappointments were approved.

Carol Jackson was reappointed to the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board; Millie McCollough and Trey Gary were each reappointed to the Elba Redevelopment Authority; and Mary Helen Robinson was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

The next Elba City Council meeting is set for Monday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, April 18, 2023, and Monday, April 24, 2023, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Apr. 18 – Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St (9:34 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (10:04 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St – w/impound (5:58 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one citation, one verbal warning, and one written warning.

Wednesday, Apr. 19 – Report of shots fired at 1698 Hickman Ave (2:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 200 Buford St (1:43 p.m.); Theft of prop-

erty reported on Dr. Roberts Dr (2:43 p.m.); Reckless driving reported on Hwy 84 W (5:30 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in four citations, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, Apr. 20 – Domestic complaint reported at 513 Claxton Ave N – w/arrest (3:02 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 661 E Davis St (6:37 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at Hickman and Reese avenues (8:24 a.m.); Burglary reported at 597 Hwy 203 (12:50 p.m.); Assault reported to Elba Police (6:02 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Gibson St (7:03 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 597 Hwy 203 (8:15 p.m.).

Eleven traffic stops resulted in six verbal warnings, two written warnings, and three citations.

Friday, Apr. 21 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1239 Ann St (9:44 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (9:49 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 990 Hwy 203 (11:49 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 712 Simmons St (12:10 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 469 Claxton Ave (6:19 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 87 S (6:39 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in six citations, three verbal warnings, and one assist another agency.

Saturday, Apr. 22 – Suspicious person reported at 1259 Ann St – w/arrest (6:52 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (10:25 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 475 Smith Ave (2:22 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Beaver Dam St (6:30 p.m.); Drug activity reported to Elba Police (7:34 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 804 Hwy 203 (10:44 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in seven citations, and one arrest.

Sunday, Apr. 23 – Theft of property reported to Elba Police (8:22 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 509 N Claxton Ave (10:39 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 36 County Rd 242 (3:00 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 632 N Claxton Ave (5:29 p.m.); Drug activity reported to Elba Police (6:36 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 14134 Hwy 84 (7:12 p.m.); Fight reported at 975 Smith Ave (7:19 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Reynolds Ave (8:30 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in advice given.

Monday, Apr. 24 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1024 Sunset Blvd (12:31 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Railroad St (1:53 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Hwy 166 (8:49 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on County Rd 519 (9:02 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 996 Johnson St (9:58 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1004 Martin Luther King Dr (10:49 a.m.); Assault reported to Elba Police (3:23 p.m.); Assault reported at 804 Hwy 203 (3:32 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1066 Davis St E – w/impound (3:57 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1131 Guyton St (4:27 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one arrest, one written warning, one verbal warning, and one citation.

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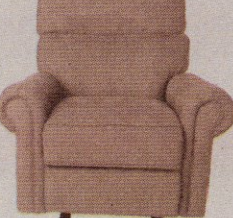


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Obituaries

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ERMA JEAN CAMPBELL

Mrs. Erma Jean Campbell, age 77, of the Wise Mill Community died Friday, April 21, 2023, at her son's residence in Arton, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 23, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial services followed in the Wise Mill Assembly of God Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Campbell was preceded in death by her parents, Otis & Ilene Calhoun; her husband, Ray; and daughter, Peggy Jean.

Survivors include her son: Kenneth (Wanda) Campbell, Arton; brother: Foy (Vera) Calhoun, Eufaula, Ala.; grandchildren: Landie, Amanda, Alex, Christopher, Courtney and Dakota; great-grandchildren: Alexia, Kaleb, Madison, Teagan, Gavin and Caroline; and several nieces and nephews.

MARGIE REA CARNLEY

Mrs. Margie Rea Carnley, age 87, of Brantley, Ala., died Friday, April 21, 2023, at 21 Hall Street in Daleville, Ala.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 24, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Adam Carlee officiating. Burial services followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery.

Survivors include her daughter: Abie Gail Potter [Keith Potter], Daleville; son: William Andy Carnley, Brantley; granddaughter: Brandy Michelle Hudson, Dothan, Ala.; grandsons: Casey (Brittany) Hudson, and Kyle Carnley, both of Brantley; great-grandsons: Gunter Hudson, Gavin Witherington, Grayson Witherington, and great-granddaughter: Harper Oakley, all of Brantley.

TIMOTHY ROSS CISMOWSKI

Mr. Timothy Ross Cismowski, age 41, of New Brockton Ala., died Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in St. George, Ga.

He was born in Alpena, Michigan on April 18, 1981. Tim was a Fourth Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at St. John Catholic Church, Enterprise, Ala., with Father Zach Greenwell officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala., is serving the Cismowski family.

Tim was preceded in death by his uncle - Frederick Ross Raible; grandparents - the Benschs, Raibles and Mathesons.

Survivors include his mother: Kathleen Ivey; brother: Michael Knight (Cismowski); the hairy kids Sally, Itty, Moma, Blinky, Inky, Snoopy, Juniper (Juny), Linus (Lenny), Francis, Betsy (booboo), and Daisy; his fiancé: Stacey Winkler and their hairy kids; extended brothers: Jay Nolan, Chris Brown, and Jason Skaggs; nieces and nephews: Joseph and Isabella Knight; aunts and uncles: Mark and Mary Smith, Donna and Ricky Turner, Lisa and Jerry Bird; stepdad: Chad Ivey; cousins: Rachel and Jacob Szumila.

WILLIAM HENRY MULLINS III

Mr. William Henry Mullins III, age 59, of Kinston, Ala., died Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 10 a.m., from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala. with Rev. Danny Bradshaw officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba will be directing the services.

Survivors include his wife: Bernadette Mullins, Kinston; son: Jared Eli Mullins, Kinston; stepsons: John Baxter, Freeport, Ill., and Nicholas Baxter, Auburn, ME; granddaughter: Maddison Mullis, Opp, Ala.; sister: Sherry (Drew) Reeves, Pueblo, Colo.; nephew: Andrew Reeves, Pueblo; father: William H. Mullins Jr.; and mother: Myra Faye Mullins.

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joining the team." A second panel of judges will review the nominations of the 52 All-State team members and select the 12 members of the 2023 Bassmaster High School All-American Fishing Team presented by Academy Sports & Outdoors. As in All-State judging, criteria includes success in high school fishing tournaments, involvement in conservation efforts and other community service activities.

The 12 finalists will compete in a one-day Bassmaster High School All-American Bass Tournament presented by Academy Sports & Outdoors, which will be held during the BASSMASTER ELITE at SABINE RIVER scheduled for June 1-4 in Orange, Texas. Elite Series anglers will serve as teammates and "coaches" of the student anglers in the tournament. The high school standouts will be honored on the main stage at the weigh-in.

For Padgett to be considered for the All-American Team and to be profiled on Bassmaster.com, he must provide a list of documentation by Thursday, April 27.

Kinston students visit Elba Nursing & Rehab during "Bulldog Buddies" field trip



Kinston seniors and their kindergarten "Bulldog Buddies" came to Elba last Thursday, April 20, for a field trip together. They enjoyed the day visiting with residents of the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and playing at Tiger Town Park, the city's public playground. While at the nursing home, the students enjoyed making crafts, and donating fun socks to the residents. They capped off the trip with lunch at the park and then enjoyed playing together on the playground equipment before returning home to Kinston.

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missed at Elba High School. In other personnel matters from last week's April board meeting, the board accepted a resignation from high school teacher Ronald Floyd.

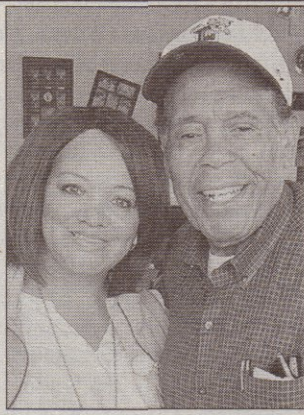
Upon recommendation of Grimes, the superintendent also presented Julie Eagle to be employed as a math teacher and Tyler Reeves to be employed as a science teacher for EHS. The board unanimously approved these hires, which are for the 2023-2024 school year.

At the elementary school, principal Kenya Martin recommended the hire of two teachers for next school year, and these were presented by Moseley. The board approved the hire of Katelyn Dicken and Misty Wambles.

The board also approved a memorandum of understanding for the Simplified Sellers Use Tax agreement being made with Coffee County. The other two school system in the county also are approving the same agreements.



On Friday, April 21, the seniors from the New Hope Senior Citizens Center enjoyed a field trip to Shane's Barbecue in Enterprise. Mayor Bill Cooper stopped by to welcome the seniors to the City of Progress and told them about the new businesses that are coming to Enterprise including, a VA Hospital, Buffalo Wild Wings, McAllister's Deli and more. Everyone was excited to meet the mayor and felt the love as he spoke with them about the city. Of course, the seniors are even more excited about the new restaurants coming so they can visit those establishments the new future. Above, the New Hope Senior Citizens group is pictured with Enterprise Mayor Bill Cooper at Shane's, and to the right, the mayor is pictured with New Hope Senior Center director Connie Banks.



The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 held a special called meeting Thursday morning, April 20, to pass Brother Joseph Hayden Disotell to a Fellow Craft. Good fellowship and work had by all present. Those pictured include: [front, 1 to r] James Beasley, Joe Daugherty, Joseph Hayden Disotell, Joe Watson, Earl Smith, Ronnie Rawls, Mike Murphy, Mike Porterfield, and Jack Caradine; [middle, 1 to r] Drexell Richards, Allan Crenshaw, W/M Wendell Black, Daniel Stephens, Joel Moore, and Mike Murphy; and [back, 1 to r] Tommy Morrow, Ashton Davis, James Mowery, and Bill Stocke.

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Reactions to a Spouse's Death

If your husband or wife has died, you will probably experience some of the common symptoms of grief. You may find yourself denying at first that your spouse has died. Later, you may feel numb or like a spectator watching what's going on. This is nature's way of protecting you, of insulating you from what is happening so you can adjust.

You may also find yourself filled with anger. You may feel angry at the doctors or nurses who couldn't save your spouse, at the funeral director - even God. You may feel angry at your spouse for leaving you and then feel guilty for this anger.

You may find yourself feeling guilty for a number of reasons. It is common for the bereaved to feel guilty simply for being alive. You may believe you somehow should have prevented the death or been present to say good-bye. Because relationships are never perfect, you were bound to have had some disagreements with your spouse. Now you may feel guilty for those arguments or believe you should have been a "better" husband or wife.

The mental strain of grief can take a physical toll as well. It's not unusual for the bereaved to lose weight, have difficulty sleeping, become irritable or listless, or feel short of breath. Grief has even been known to cause hair loss.

Husbands and wives who have lost a spouse frequently become preoccupied with the person who died. You may think about your spouse constantly, recreate the circumstances of the death over and over in your mind, or have dreams or nightmares about him or her. You may even think you see or hear your spouse.

Many people are surprised and frightened by the intensity of these reactions. "Grief feels like craziness to the person who's undergoing it," explains Therese Rando, a psychologist. Dr. Rando says it is important to realize that, bizarre as they may seem, these reactions are normal. Grieving is a natural, though incredibly difficult, process. Recognizing grief can affect you in many ways and it can change from day to day is one of the first steps to beginning the healing process.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Ken Wilson, Pastor

Westside Baptist Church

Thar She Blows!

Growing up in the South some things are just inevitable. Grits come to be accepted as a good side dish with any meal, and sooner or later everybody goes fishing. I know I'll never forget my first fishing trip. I honestly don't remember how many fish were caught that day, but I will always remember the impact that day had on the rest of my life.

L.T. Ward was one of my dad's best friends. Dad and L.T. had grown up together, gone to college together, and now they lived down the street from each other. Our families would occasionally have cookouts or go out to eat, but the Wards were big Auburn fans, so naturally we couldn't do too much with them. However, they were fun people to be with and when they invited us to spend a day at the lake with them we were excited to go.

To my six-year old mind it seemed like a half day's drive to get to Walnut lake, when in reality it was only about twenty minutes. Walnut lake was not a large lake, just a really big pond with eight or ten houses around it and a beautiful view of Interstate 20/59 on the north end. But to me it was Lake Superior and there were fish to be caught.

The day was perfect, the temperature was cool, the water was clear, and the fish were practically jumping onto the bank. Well anyway, it was a nice day. While Dad and Mr. Ward were busy getting the fishing gear ready, Mom and Mrs. Ward were busy getting things ready for the fish fry we would have later I was busy falling in the lake. Since it was too cool to swim and we were just going to fish we hadn't brought any extra clothes. I had the choice of roughing it out until my clothes dried or hypothermia set in or I could wear some of Tim Ward's clothes. Tim was a good bit bigger than me and his clothes were some what large on me, but they were dry and mine weren't. So I made do.

After I dried off and changed my cloth's, it was time to fish. Dad put a worm on my hook and I was ready to go. I can only imagine what I must have looked like with clothes that were twice my size and that long cane pole sticking out over the water. Whatever I looked like, it must have been scaring the fish away because I wasn't catching anything and I had already been fishing five minutes. I watched as the others were catching fish. It just didn't make any sense. No matter how many times I checked my hook, or hit the water with my rod tip, or threw rocks in the water to simulate smaller fish jumping, I just couldn't catch any fish.

Finally, I got tired and put my pole down on the ground. I sat down and watched everybody else having fun. Just as I had decided that I was not destined to be a fisherman, it happened. My pole began to move by itself toward the lake as if some unseen creature were trying to snatch it under the water. Instincts told me to grab the pole and yank, so I did. As I yanked for all I was worth, there was a slight resistance, and then suddenly from the murky depths the creature appeared hurtling toward my face.

The blue gill brim stopped about three inches from my face and just hung there in mid-air, wiggling violently. I had caught my first fish! As I stood there and realized what had happened, I did what any red blooded American six year old who had caught his first fish would have done: I dropped the pole and ran like crazy.

I don't remember much about the rest of that day, except that I was changed forever. I would never go fishing without a change of clothes again, and I would be a fisherman for the rest of my life. Something deep inside had been ignited. It would always be a part of me.

Jesus had the same affect on some Jewish fisherman one day beside the Sea of Galilee. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

At once they left their nets and followed him. (Mark 1:17-18) Jesus had ignited something deep within Peter and Andrew. They knew life would never be the same again. They were fisherman for life.

GNZMBC to install new pastor

Saturday, April 29, at 12 noon

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church will install its new pastor Saturday, April 29, at 12 noon.

Elba native M. D. Luckett and his First Lady A. J. Luckett will be returning to his hometown to serve the Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church congregation.

Superintendent W. K. Ellison of Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. and Bishop M. L. Jackson of Houston, Texas will be conducting the installation.

The church members are forming a choir for the installation services, and anyone who would like to sing with the Mass Choir is urged to be at a rehearsal set for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, and Friday, April 28.

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church planning Fifth Sunday Service for April 30th

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church will hold special Fifth Sunday services Sunday morning, April 30.

Senior Pastor M. D. Luckett will be hosting guest speaker, Pastor Aaron Smith of Virginia Beach, Va.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and Morning Worship will be at 11 a.m. All are invited to attend.

May / June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Freddie and Patti Williams Culver 5/27 W.A.

Demetries Chapman 5/27

Laythron Tillis Jr. 5/28

Shawna Hill Gulley 5/29

Sophia Caldwell Berry 5/29

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Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Harry Driggers, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL ABE CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor

Church Service... 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor

Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal... 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Philip Box, Minister

Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.

Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.

Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC

Glenwood, AL

Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH

Garry Winstead, Pastor

Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Matthew Morris, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH

Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

Derrick Stinson, Pastor

Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.

Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Greg Hanchey, Minister

Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH

Charles Jones, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

J. R. Parks, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Dewey Emfinger, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Olann Strickland, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Will Jordan, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Loreale Flowers, Minister

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Julian Mitchell, Pastor

1st, 4th Sun. Morn.

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lee Jones, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Ed Russell, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Disciple Train... 9:45 a.m.

Evening Worship... 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Terry Godwin, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Randall Pearson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC

James Starks Jr., Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Brad Sasser, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH

Lanny Shepard, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba

Max Reed, Minister

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

C.P. Davis, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH

Donald Mills, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Shayne Allen, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.

Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE

Ruby Lawson, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ken Wilson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Donnie Marler, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Mike Medley, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Cary Maulden, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.



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NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS ACTION

Notice to: William Christopher Jackson father of E.B.P. (DOB 04/02/2021), and D.J.G. (DOB 10/06/2017), mother Shelia Paul, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Coffee County Department of Human Resources' petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed the 17th day of January, 2023, (set for hearing on the 8th day of June, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama) and other relief by the 27th day of May 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. 19 JU 2021-56.03 and 19 JU 2021-57.03, in the Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division.

Done this, the 31st day of March, 2023.

Hon. Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Circuit
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Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division
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NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS ACTION

Notice to: unknown father of S.B. (DOB 06/13/2007), and C.B. (DOB 01/31/2014), mother Marissa Baldwin, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Coffee County Department of Human Resources' petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed the 7th day of February, 2023, (set for hearing on the 7th day of July, 2023 at 19:00 a.m., Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama) and other relief by the 3rd day of June 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. 19 JU 2021-135.02 and 19 JU 2021-138.02, in the Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division.

Done this, the 4th day of April, 2023.

Hon. Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Circuit
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN LAMAR STEWART
Deceased
CASE NO: PC 2022-078-A

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN LAMAR STEWART
Deceased
CASE NO: PC 2022-078-B

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN LAMAR STEWART
Deceased
CASE NO: PC 2022-078-C

NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the estate of said deceased, JOHN LAMAR STEWART, having been granted to ELAINE OGLESBY HOGAN and/or CURTIS TERRY OGLESBY, on the 4th day of April, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Hon. M Dale Marsh
Attorney for the Petitioner
203 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, AL 36330

Hon. Charles Matthew Brunson
Attorney for the Petitioner
P.O. Box 358
Elba, Alabama 36323

DONE this 6th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
4/13,20,27-pd

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT STATE OF ALABAMA

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment shall be

made:

SYNOPSIS: Relating to Coffee County, to further provide for the appointment of a Chief Deputy Coroner and a Deputy Coroner and to provide for compensation for the Chief Deputy Coroner and Deputy Coroner.

ABILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County; to further provide for the appointment of a Chief Deputy Coroner and a Deputy Coroner, to provide for compensation for the Chief Deputy Coroner and Deputy Coroner, and to repeal Section 45-16-61, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the appointment of a Deputy Coroner.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA: Section 1. Section 45-16-62, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows: §45-16-62

The coroner shall be elected at the general election and every four years thereafter, and shall serve for a term of four years.

The coroner shall appoint a chief deputy coroner from the judicial circuit division of the county where the elected coroner does not reside. The chief deputy coroner shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of \$400 per month. The coroner may appoint one deputy coroner. The deputy coroner shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of \$300 per month. The Coffee County Commission may adjust the compensation and any expense allowance for the chief deputy coroner or deputy coroner by resolution of the commission. Any compensation or expense allowance shall be paid from the county general fund by the county commission.
(c)(1) A Coroner of Coffee County who is first elected or appointed on or after September 22, 2015, shall receive an annual base salary of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per year, which shall be paid in the same manner and at the same time as other county employees.

The annual salary provided in subdivision (1) shall continue to be adjusted thereafter as authorized in Chapter 2A of Title 11.

If there is a break in continuous service as coroner on or after September 22, 2015, upon reappointment or reelection as coroner, he or she shall receive the base salary as provided in sub-

division (1), which may be adjusted as provided in subdivision (2).

The coroner may participate in the same retirement system and the same insurance plan in the same manner and upon the same terms and conditions as any other employee of the county.

The Coffee County Commission shall pay all expenses incurred or required by the coroner, and chief deputy coroner or deputy coroner to perform the duties of his or her office, including travel expenses pursuant to state-approved rates for state employees, radio and paging equipment and maintenance costs, and association dues and continuing education expenses. The expenses shall be paid from the county general fund by the county commission.

Section 4. Section 45-16-61, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the appointment of a deputy coroner is repealed. Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both our grandsons made it to the softball tournament in Elba on Friday night, and while Lawson and some of his friends enjoyed visiting the playground, Cannon was content to watch the girls play softball, chew on french fries and cheer with the fans. It was definitely a good night to be a grandparent.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers clinched* the number two seed in next week's area softball tournament with three big wins and in the process improved their regular season area record to 6-2. Elba has a very young team led by a trio of junior high pitchers and only two seniors, but it has grown as the season has progressed and hopefully built the foundation for years to come. Wins and losses aren't always the true gauge of a team, and that is certainly the case with the Lady Tigers as they learn the game and what it takes to be winners in the field.

*** *The area tournaments are set for next week* for all the area teams and it looks like it could be a very interesting week ahead. Down in Kinston, the Lady Bulldogs are heavy favorites to claim the crown and make reservations for a trip to the South Region in Gulf Shores, and while Elba is the number two seed, the Lady Tigers will have to play their best to advance against a field that includes three other teams that will be determined to keep their season alive. Over in Brantley, the powerful Lady Bulldogs are once again heavy favorites to add yet another title to their list of accomplishments, but will have a test from Red Level, which has developed into a solid 1A team in all sports. The tournament in Opp will include New Brockton, and while the Lady Gamecocks have struggled to a rare losing season, they are never a team anyone can take for granted and could have a surprise up their sleeves. Zion Chapel will head over to Luverne for tourney play and the Lady Rebels seem to have one of their best teams in years and should have a solid chance at claiming the tourney title, and appear to be a sure bet to head to region play. Yep, it looks like a fun week ahead for softball fans.

*** *The opening round of the high school baseball playoffs* were held last week and it was a good week to be a Bulldog as both the Kinston Bulldogs and Brantley Bulldogs posted series sweeps. Kinston had to hit the road to meet area champ Wadley, but made short work of the home team as they dominated from start to finish and earned a home series this week against Sweet Water, while Brantley barely broke a sweat in two easy wins over Calhoun and will be back home this week against Millry. If they turn the 'Dogs loose again this week they could be headed for a third round showdown! New Brockton failed to survive after a road trip to Prattville and was the latest public school team to find life hard among the hand-picked private school teams. The Gamecocks had an outstanding season and has no doubt built a solid foundation for years to come.

*** *In closing...* I talked with Elba Tiger head football coach Marc Sieving over the weekend and actually got excited listening to him talk about his upcoming team. Elba lost only two starters from last year's 11-1 squad, and Coach Sieving reported that the veteran line will be bigger, stronger and even more intense this season, while the stable of running backs will be ready to run and the receivers will be long, lean and fast. I know that the season is still over three months away, but spring training starts next week and maybe that will carry us over until the Tigers kick it off in August.

Clinch #2 seed

Lady Tigers grab three area wins

Statistics from
GAMECHANGER

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out area play last week and rolled to three big wins to move their area record to 6-2 and clinch the second seed in the upcoming area tournament.

Following are highlights of the three wins:

Elba 17 Floral 4

The Elba Lady Tigers scored 9 runs in the first inning to take command early and rolled to a big 17-4 area win over Floral.

Ana Caldwell had 4 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Tigers at the plate, while Aimee Senn added 3 hits and scored 3 runs; Destinee Tidwell added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Destinee Tidwell added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; A'Lyric Whitfield added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Alayvia Stinson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Hillary Hudson added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Jadyn Caldwell was the winning pitcher as she pitched a complete game and allowed three earned runs on five hits and five walks, while striking out four.

Elba 10 Floral 0

The Elba Lady Tigers completed the sweep of the area doubleheader and locked up the number two seed at the upcoming area tournament with a 10-0 win over Floral.

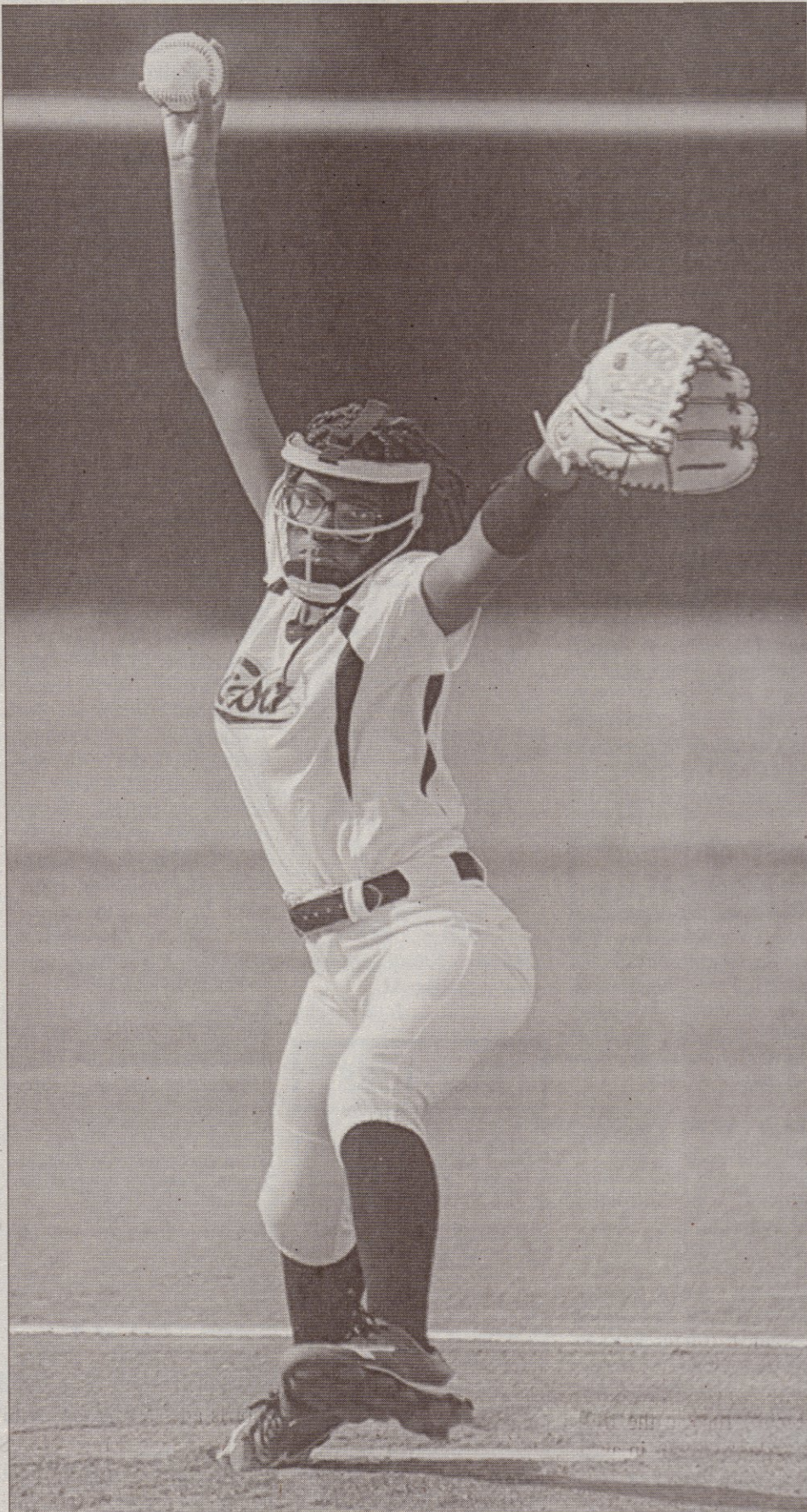
Ana Caldwell had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Tigers at the plate, while A'Lyric Whitfield added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Destinee Tidwell added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Danielle Tidwell added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Hailee Tucker added 1 hit.

Zaniyah Mitchell pitched a five-inning no-hitter with five strikeouts to pick up the win inside the circle.

Elba 23 Houston County 4

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to claim a 23-4 road win over Houston County.

The Lady Tigers scored six runs in the first inning and added three runs in the second to grab an early 9-0



Elba Lady Tiger Zaniyah Mitchell pitched a no-hitter with five strikeouts last week in a 10-0 area win over Floral. The Lady Tigers will be the #2 seed next week at the area tournament. (Photo by BC Sports Photography)

lead, extended their lead to 17-3 in the fourth inning and scored six fifth innings runs to complete the big 23-4 area victory.

Danielle Tidwell had 4 hits, scored 4 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Emily Richardson added 4 hits, scored 4 runs and had 2

rbi's; Ana Caldwell added 3 hits, scored 4 runs and had 3 rbi's; Alayvia Stinson and Destinee Tidwell both added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Aimee Senn, Hillary Hudson and A'Lyric Whitfield all added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and

had 1 rbi; and, Haylee Tucker added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Jadyn Caldwell pitched five innings to pick up the win and allowed three earned runs on five hits and two walks, while striking out five.

The Tournament Trail... AREA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

Class 1A, Area 2 At Heflin Smith Park, Kinston

Monday, May 1

12:00 – (1) Houston County vs. Pleasant Home
2:00 – (2) Elba vs. Floral
4:00 – (3) Kinston vs. Game 1 winner

6:00 – (4) Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
Tuesday, May 2
12:00 – (5) Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner
2:00 – (6) Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
4:00 – (7) Game 6 winner vs. game 5 loser
6:00 – (8) Championship Game
8:00 – (9) If needed

Class 1A, Area 3 At Brantley High School

Tuesday, May 2

9:00 – (1) Brantley vs. Georgiana
10:30 – (2) Red Level vs. McKenzie
12:00 – (3) Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
1:30 – (4) Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
3:00 – (5) Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
4:30 – (6) Championship game
6:00 – (7) If needed

Class 2A, Area 4 At Luverne High School

Monday, May 1

2:00 – (1) Highland Home vs. Goshen
4:00 – (2) Zion Chapel vs. Pike Lib

6:00 – (3) Luverne s. Game 1 winner
Tuesday, May 2
2:00 – (4) Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
4:00 – (5) Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner
6:00 – (6) Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Thursday, May 4
2:00 – (7) Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 loser
4:00 – (8) Championship Game
6:00 – (9) If Needed

Class 3A, Area 3 At Opp High School field

Tuesday May 2

9:00 – (1) Opp vs. New Brockton
11:00 – (2) Pike County vs. Straughn
1:00 – (3) Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
3:00 – (4) Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
5:00 – (5) Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
7:00 – (6) Championship game
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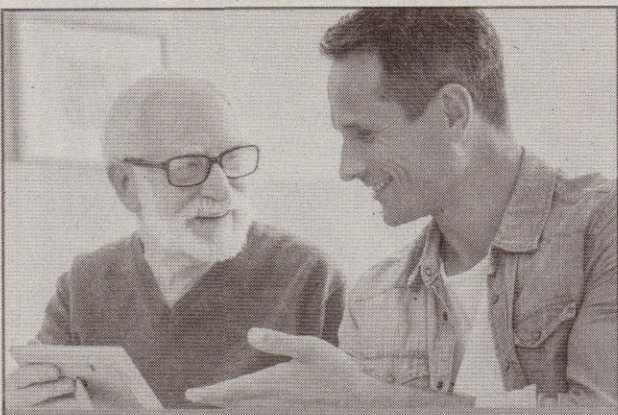
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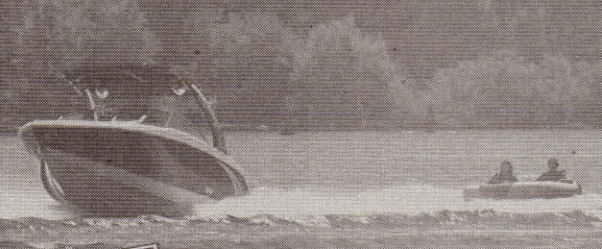


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BASEBALL

Brantley 7 Greenville 3 - The Brantley Bulldogs pulled away from a 3-3 fourth inning tie to post a 7-3 win over Greenville. Jon Bush had 3 hits, including a double and a triple, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Cooper Layton added a 3-run home-run; Tyson Grant added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Jayden Parks and Jordan Parks both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. JH Kilcrease, Jordan Parks and Jayden Parks combined to pitch seven innings and allowed three earned runs on nine hits and four walks, while striking out eight.

Zion Chapel 14 Kinston 3 - The Zion Chapel Rebels used a 6-run fourth inning to erase a 3-2 deficit and never looked back in a 14-3 win over Kinston. Mason Stuart had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Wes Braisted added 2 hits, scored 4 runs and had 1 rbi; Morgan Sanders added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; John Foster Hamm added 2 hits and 1 rbi; and, Brady Flowers added 2 hits. John Foster Hamm was the winning pitcher as he tossed six innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits and three walks, while recording nine strikeouts. Owen Patterson had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while Cade Jones added 1 hit. Drew Branch, Cade Jones, CJ Lunsford and Cale Sumblin combined to pitch seven innings and allowed three earned runs on nine hits and five walks, while striking out nine.

New Brockton 15 Pleasant Home 5 - The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from an early 5-2 deficit to defeat Pleasant Home 15-5. Payton Green had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Jaxon Whitworth added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Kyle GaVette added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Colton McClenny added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Riley Simmons added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Hunter White; Kyle GaVette, Hunter Bedsole and Riley Simmons combined to pitch six innings and allowed no earned runs on no hits and seven walks, while striking out nine.

SOFTBALL

Pike County 6 New Brockton 3 - The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw an early 2-0 lead slip away in a 6-3 loss to Pike County. Ally Zorn had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead New Brockton at the plate, while Kennedy Hussey added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Kinsley Owens added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Kierstin Sunday and Gabby Eubanks both added 1 hit. Kennedy Hussey, Kallie Qualls and Mackenzie Jones combined to pitch six innings and allowed three earned runs on six hits and five walks.

Zion Chapel 11 Kinston 3 - The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels scored 5 runs in the fifth inning to snap a 3-3 tie and never looked back in an 11-3 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Shea Wambles had 2 hits, including a home-run, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Kaylee Hodge added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Riley Bannin added 1 hit and scored 3 runs; and, Sydney Boothe added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Riley Bannin was the winning pitcher as she tossed seven innings and allowed three earned runs on six hits and four walks, while striking out nine. Camdyn Norris had 2 hits, including a home-run, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Cadence Elmore and Lilli Sumblin both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Lauren Norris and Lilli Sumblin combined to pitch seven innings and allowed seven earned runs on nine hits and four walks, while recording 10 strikeouts.

Brantley 23 Georgiana 0 - The Brantley Lady Bulldogs made it look easy in a 23-0 area win over Georgiana. Marley Kilcrease had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while Alex Grimes added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Campbell Hawthorne added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Kaitlynn Piggott added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Coco Stamps added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's; and, Riley Odom added 2 hits and had 2 rbi's. AC Free and Alex Grimes combined to pitch a three-inning no-hitter with eight strikeouts.

Kinston 21 Houston County 0 - The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued their dominance over area opponents with a big 21-0 road win over Houston County. Brynne Kelley hit two home runs, scored 4 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Bella Lashley and Lauren Norris both added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's; Lilli Sumblin added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Cadence Elmore added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 4rbi's; and, Camdyn Norris added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Camdyn Norris was the winning pitcher as she tossed a three-inning one-hitter with six strikeouts.

Brantley 10 Andalusia 0 - The Brantley Lady Bulldogs reached the 20-win plateau with a dominating 10-0 win over Andalusia. Emma Crawley had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while AC Free added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Campbell Hawthorne, Hope Richardson and Coco Stamps all added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Kaylee Navarre was the winning pitcher as she tossed a five-inning no-hitter with 13 strikeouts.

Straughn 5 New Brockton 1 - The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never caught up in a 5-1 loss to Straughn. Kennedy Hussey had 2 hits to lead New Brockton, while Kinsley Owens added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Ally Zorn and Anna Blackmon both added 1 hit. Mackenzie Jones, Kallie Qualls and Kennedy Hussey combined to pitch six innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits and three walks, while striking out six.

Brantley 5 Luverne 2 - The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and held on late to defeat Luverne 5-2. Kaylee Navarre had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Brantley at the plate, while Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits, Alex Grimes added a home-run, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Marley Kilcrease and Kaitlynn Piggott both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Kaylee Navarre was the winning pitcher as she tossed seven innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits and four walks, while striking out 14.

Zion Chapel 3 Kinston 1 - The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels pulled ahead early and never lost control in an exciting 3-1 win over Kinston. Madison Meeks had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Kaylee Hodge added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Sydney Boothe added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Riley Bannin and Aubrey Bassett both added 1 hit. Sydney Boothe was the winning pitcher as she tossed six innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits and struck out 10. Lyla Bruce, Lilli Sumblin and Lauren Norris all had 1 hit to lead Kinston. Lilli Sumblin pitched six innings and allowed two earned runs on seven hits, while striking out 11.

Rehobeth 8 Brantley 6 -The Brantley Lady Bulldogs rallied from an early 7-1 deficit, to throw a scare into Rehobeth before falling 8-6, on the road. Alex Grimes had 3 hits, including a home-run, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while Kaitlynn Piggott added 3 hits; Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; and, Campbell Hawthorne and AC Free both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Kaylee Navarre, Alex Grimes and AC Free combined to pitch six innings and allowed five earned runs on nine hits and three walks, while striking out four.

Opp 11 Kinston 5 - The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw an early 3-3 tie vanish quickly as Opp plated eight runs in the second inning and handed the Lady Bulldogs an 11-5 setback, in tournament action. Cadence Elmore had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while Camdyn Norris and Lauren Norris both added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and Lilli Sumblin and Cameron Whigham both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Lauren Norris and Lilli Sumblin combined to pitch four innings and allowed three earned runs on nine hits, while striking out three.

Kinston 7 T.R. Miller 5 - The Kinston Lady Bulldogs used a 4-run fourth inning to grab the lead and held on to defeat T.R. Miller 7-5, in tournament action. Cadence Elmore had 2 hits, including a grand-slam home-run, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Bella Lashley added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Lilli Sumblin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Camdyn Norris added 1 hit and 2 rbi's; and, Lyla Bruce added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Lilli Sumblin pitched five innings and allowed five earned runs on eight hits, while striking out seven.

Providence Christian 7 Zion Chapel 1 - The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind 7-0 early and never recovered in a 7-1 road loss to Providence Christian. Riley Bannin had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Madison Meeks added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Kaylee Hodge and Emily Rhodes both added 1 hit. Riley Bannin pitched four innings and allowed two earned runs on nine hits, while striking out two.

Zion Chapel 9 Providence Christian 6 - The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels pulled ahead 6-1 in the third inning and never looked back to claim an exciting 9-6 road win over Providence Christian. Madison Meeks had 3 hits and 4 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Aubrey Bassett added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Riley Bannin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Kaylee Hodge and Amber Kidd both added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Sydney Boothe pitched five innings and allowed five earned runs on five hits and three walks, while striking out two.

Houston Academy 20 Kinston 4 - The Kinston Lady Bulldogs trailed only 5-4 heading into the bottom of the second inning, but never made it back up to the plate as Houston Academy erupted for 15 runs to hand the Lady Bulldogs a 20-4 defeat, in tournament action. Lilli Sumblin had 1 hit, a home-run, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Cadence Elmore added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Lauren Norris added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Aubrie Brown added 1 hit. Mackenzie Jones, Lauren Norris, Camdyn Norris and Lilli Sumblin combined to pitch one and one-third innings and allowed 10 earned runs on 11 hits.

Kinston 16 Elba 6 - The Kinston Lady Bulldogs opened up a 12-0 third inning lead and coasted in with a 16-6 tournament win over Elba. Cadence Elmore had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Aubrie Brown added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Camdyn Norris added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Brynne Kelley added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Lilli Sumblin added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi. Lilli Sumblin and Camdyn Norris combined to pitch five innings and allowed four earned runs on seven hits, while striking out seven.

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Kinston wallops Wadley

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The Kinston Bulldogs hit the road last week in the opening round of the Class 1A high school baseball playoffs and enjoyed the long ride back home after posting a 10-0, 16-0 sweep over Wadley.

The opening round win punched the Bulldogs ticket into the second round, where they will host Sweet Water in a best-of-three series, beginning Friday afternoon.

Following are highlights of both wins:

Kinston 10 Wadley 0

Cale Sumblin pitched a 1-hit shutout with 11 strikeouts and the Kinston Bulldogs banged out 10 hits to roll to an impressive 10-0 win in the series opener. The scoreboard read 0-0 heading into the third inning, but the Bulldogs plated nine runs in the frame to blow the game open and then added a lone run in the sixth to lock down the 10-0 win. Owen Patterson had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Brodie Walker added 2hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Marcus Free and Colby Tew both added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Drew Branch added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Cale Sumblin threw only 98 pitches in claiming the win as he tossed a one-hitter, walked one and recorded 11 strikeouts.

Kinston 16 Wadley 0

CJ Lunsford pitched a 1-hit shutout with six strikeouts as the Kinston Bulldogs completed a two-game sweep over Wadley with a solid 16-0 win. The Bulldogs scored three runs in the opening inning to take command early and added seven runs in the second to push their lead to 10-0 as they dominated both in the field and at the plate to advance to second round action. CJ Lunsford had 2 hits, scored 4 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while Owen Patterson added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Reece Hall added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; and, Marcus Free added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. CJ Lunsford needed only 80 pitches to toss the one-hit shutout with six strikeouts.

Brantley clubs Calhoun

Statistics from GAMECHANGER

The Brantley Bulldogs opened Class 1A high school baseball playoff action last week on their homefield and coasted to a double-header sweep over Calhoun 15-0, 16-1, to advance into second round action this weekend against Millry.

Following are highlights from the opening round wins:

Brantley 15 Calhoun 0

The Brantley Bulldogs needed only three innings to claim a game one win as they combined 11 hits with six walks to defeat Calhoun 15-0. Kaleb Weed had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while Jordan Parks added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Jon Bush added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Jayden Parks added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Jayden Parks and Reese Odom combined to pitch three innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, while striking out seven.

Brantley 16 Calhoun 1

The Brantley Bulldogs used a 12-run second inning explosion to take command and coasted in with an easy 16-1 win over Calhoun, to complete the series sweep. Jordan Parks had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while AJ Kilpatrick added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Jayden Parks added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; and, Jon Bush added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Cooper Layton pitched a complete game one-hit shutout with six strikeouts.

Brockton swept at PCA

Statistics from GAMECHANGER

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their season come to an end Friday night on the road in Prattville as they were swept by Prattville Christian 11-5, 3-0, in the opening round of the Class 3A high school baseball playoffs.

The Gamecocks closed the season with a 17-13 record.

Following is a recap of both playoff games:

Prattville Christian 11 New Brockton 5

The New Brockton Gamecocks trailed only 6-4 after four innings after a 3-run rally in the top of the fourth, but couldn't keep up the pace as Prattville Christian tagged on five runs in its final at-bats to pull away and defeat the Gamecocks 11-5, in opening round action. Jaxon Whitworth had 3 hits and 1 rbi to lead New Brockton at the plate, while Colton McClenny and Hayden Pope both added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Riley Simmons and Blake Peterson both had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Josh Gutierrez pitched six innings and allowed six earned runs on 11 hits, while striking out six.

Prattville Christian 3 New Brockton 0

The New Brockton Gamecocks outhit Prattville Christian 8-7 in the second game of the series, but never found their way to the plate and saw their season end with a disappointing 3-0 loss. The Gamecocks trailed only 1-0 heading into the sixth inning, only to see Prattville Christian plate two insurance runs to complete the scoring. Jaxon Whitworth had 2 hits to lead New Brockton at the plate, while Dawson Peacock, Riley Simmons, Colton McClenny, Gabe Herrington, Blake Peterson and Hayden Pope all added 1 hit. Payton Green tossed 118 pitches in a mound performance in which he allowed two earned runs on seven hits and recorded nine strikeouts.



Senior Colton McClenny looks for an opportunity to steal a base.

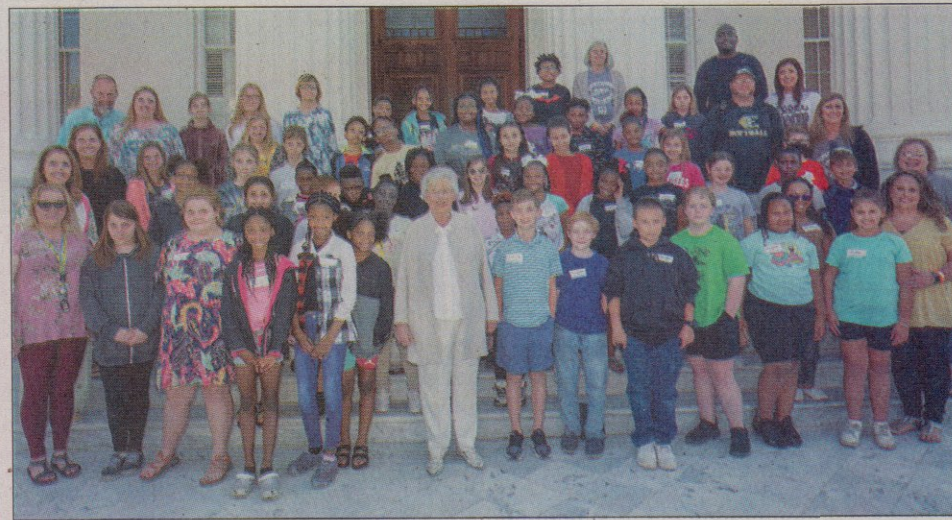
The Gamecocks season came to an end with a first round playoff loss.

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LIFESTYLES



ELBA 4TH GRADERS MEET GOVERNOR IVEY... School field trip time has arrived with less than a month remaining in the 2022-2023 school year, and the fourth grade class at Elba Elementary School enjoyed a trip Thursday, April 20, to Montgomery where they had the opportunity to meet Alabama Governor Kay Ivey. The students, teachers and chaperones also toured the state Capitol, the Rosa Parks Museum, and Old Alabama Town while on their day trip. Above, Governor Ivey poses for a photo with the Elba students, teachers, and chaperones.

Tickets on sale for new play at Brundidge's We Piddle Around Theatre

The Brundidge Historical Society will present the brand new, original folk life play, "Well, It's All Over Town!" at the We Piddle Around Theatre in Brundidge on May 4th 5th, and 6th.

Doors will open each night at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each and include dinner and the play.

Call (334) 685-5524 or (334) 670-6302 or tickets.

Lifestyles News is due on Mondays!



LUNCHEON PILOTS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS.. Members of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise met recently at a local restaurant to celebrate member's birthdays. Members in attendance were: [from left] Pat Green, Gina Oates, Debbie Godfrey, Caroline Gebhart, Fran Walters, Linda Peterson, Jane Baxley, Leslie Adams, Bonnie Gilmore, Jacque Hawkins and Carol Bass. For information about joining this organization contact Membership Chair Gina Oates, 334-347-5508 or ginaoates686@outlook.com.



EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS... The City of Elba celebrated the retirement of two employees Friday, April 7, when a gathering was held at Elba City Hall. Mayor Tom Maddox (center) congratulated David Barbaree (left) and Mike Sanders (right) on their well-deserved retirement, and he thanked each for his dedicated service to Elba and its citizens throughout their employment with the municipality. Barbaree served as the city's sewer department supervisor for the past couple of years while Sanders had served as the city's lead mechanic for the past 10 years.

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Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show set for May 6 in Elba

The Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show will be held Saturday, May 6, in historic downtown Elba, Ala., as part of the 2023 Rockin' the River

event.

The car show will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. In case of rain, it will be rescheduled for May 13th. There is no admission charge to come check out all the different cars and trucks as there will be numerous makes and models on display. Multiple trophies will be awarded to the car show participants.

For more information about the Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505 or register online at www.rockintheriverelba.com [or register the day of the event on site].

The car show is sponsored by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers, a local club for car enthusiasts.

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

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